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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1903.

Senator McCandless says one of his bills has been threatened. Call out the National Guard.

Discussion in the House this morning furnishes one instance where oil fails to calm the temper.

Lipton's Shamrock III, like her predecessors, has made a wonderful showing in her first race. The last race counts.

Any legislator who has not said in effect, "You vote for my bill and I'll vote for yours" will please raise his right hand.

The plumbing laws can be made effective and at the same time not oppressive. That's where legislative ability comes in.

Terrible Terry McGovern has been knocked out enough times to warrant a trip to Hawaii, where he would at least be sure of a good crowd.

Legislative conscience in the House would not allow of striking the Income Tax from the books, but it did the next best thing in raising the exemption limit.

King Edward's trip to France will be the occasion marked outward forms of friendship, while France still carries a knife in its bootleg for its old-time enemy.

A Manila exchange says Volcano Marshal has started a new publication, called The Dragon, in Shanghai. It is now a problem as to what will become of the flag.

Home Rulers are considerate in postponing politics till the Legislature completes its work. There will be enough for all hands and the cook when the County elections take place.

House amendments to the County Bill make it a misdemeanor to levy an assessment on salaries for political purposes. Extend this to Territorial salaries and the good work will be complete.

Based on the conclusions of Representative Harris' minority report Hawaii will never be able to afford a bond issue if the present salary expense account is continued by this and future legislatures.

One object of legislation in connection with the plumbing bill should be to make the three hundred thousand dollars the Territory has invested in sewer pipes underground amount to something.

All the glory consequent to passing the County Bill will not serve to shield the Republican majority from sharp criticism if it fails to make provision for public works through the loan appropriations.

Senator Isenberg states that his stable floor is clean enough to eat off of. No one doubts the Senator's statement, but there are mighty few stables that receive as much expenditure of time and money as Senator Isenberg's.

There's no doubt about the good management of the Police Department by High Sheriff Brown, but if mounted patrolmen are granted \$100 a month, he will have half the Deputy Sheriffs of the Territory coming to Honolulu in search of jobs on the force.

Minister Bowen's latest report is that President Castro will make an effort to arrange his affairs so that he can visit the St. Louis World's Fair. If Venezuela is free from revolutions long enough for Castro to make the trip, the event will go on record as the great Venezuelan era of peace.

Senators are to be congratulated on having passed the municipal law, but Hawaii's conditions must be mighty peculiar and decidedly extravagant to require salaries for city councilmen and five years' residence for citizens to be eligible to office. If the House wants to make a better record even than the Senate, it will cut off the expense.

Cable dispatches state that legal proceedings may be taken to keep Dr. Crum out of the office to which he was appointed by the President. We will now witness the remarkable exhibition of South Carolina calling on the courts to prevent the President recognizing the honesty and ability of an American citizen for no other reason than as objection to his negro blood.

Taxpayers would appreciate it if some legislator or official will explain

why the heads of Territorial departments should receive a salary of \$4500 a year. If this is incapable of being demonstrated the Legislature could well afford to strike \$1000 off each salary and wait with bated breath to see how many resign on account of inadequate remuneration.

PAY ROLL COMPARISONS.

The report of the special Police Committee of the House being the first to deal with general salary rolls, offers an opportunity to draw some interesting comparisons and it would seem to present an opening for better classification if the legislators will take the trouble to carefully scan the important factor of expense in its relation to income. It appears from this report that additional mounted patrolmen at \$100 a month and foot police at \$75 a month are needed, the whole complement making an additional expense of \$1050 per month.

One of the penalties a city pays for progress is the necessity of increase in expenditures for police protection. The man lost in the desert knew he was approaching civilization when he sighted the county jail. We are aware that heads of departments feel that theirs is the most important, the lowest paid and the hardest worked in the whole system. It goes without saying that the High Sheriff and Attorney General will be disposed to combat any reduction of their salary lists.

Nevertheless an increase of salaries, \$15 a month for foot police and \$10 a month for mounted, presumably to enable the employment of better men, coupled with the increase in the number of officers, puts the police service on a more expensive basis than the taxpayers can afford. Considering the amount of work and the responsibility involved \$100 a month is decidedly liberal for mounted police.

Doubtless it is claimed that mounted police require larger salaries on account of the care for horses and equipment. In going over the salary list contained in the Governor's message the proposed salary of mounted patrolmen is but \$50 a month less than that of the jailor of Oahu prison, and the Assistant Deputy High Sheriff. The Deputy Sheriff of Maui is paid \$1500 a year, while it is proposed to pay Honolulu mounted patrolmen \$1200, or the same as the Deputy Sheriffs of Makawao and Lahaina, Maui. The Deputy Sheriff of Kauai appears on the salary list as receiving \$1500 or but \$25 a month more than proposed for members of the local mounted service.

These instances taken at random from the appropriation bill all tend to show that a high average is being struck for the police salary roll, higher in fact than is justified by the income of the Territory. These Deputy Sheriffs have to cover quite as much ground as Honolulu mounted patrolmen and presumably require as large an outlay for horses and equipment.

It is a foregone conclusion that expenses must be reduced in nearly every department of the Territory if the expenses are to come within the income. It is a pleasant duty to increase the salary of any position in public service or out of it. But our legislators and our departments must look for and devise means of securing more work for less money, or shoulder the responsibility for saddling higher taxes upon the people and the taxpayers are already crying "enough." While regardless of necessities the people are deeply interested in learning from the legislators and departments where it is possible to earn the Territorial pennies by saving them.

HOUSE.

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This made \$32,000, which was somewhat different from \$10,000. If better estimates could not be made in the Department of Public Works, then it was time the Assistant Superintendent was resigning.

A New Treasury Watchdog.
Mr. Greenwell, the new watchdog of the Hawaiian Treasury, made a vigorous kick, saying that the printing of the reports of the various committees was costing too much money. Mr. Viva withdrew his motion and the communication was disposed of in the manner already detailed.

A letter from R. C. L. Perkins, acting government entomologist, was read. In it was included an invitation to the members to accompany the Agricultural Committee of the House to where the experiments on lantana pests were being made. The chair instructed the chairman of the committee to send around among the members to learn who wanted to go.

Senate Bills Advanced.
The following Senate bills, which have passed third reading in the upper house, were read first time by title, passed and sent along the usual route:
Bill 90, an Act to encourage the Kona-Kau Railroad Co., Ltd.
Bill 98, an Act to amend Section 6 of an Act entitled an Act to regulate names.

Bill 94A, an Act to amend Section 165 of the Civil Code relating to wills.
Bill 104, an Act relating to attachments and garnishments.
Bill 128, an Act relating to liens of judgments and decrees.

Bill 115, an Act to provide for registering and confirming title to land.
Bill 116, an Act relating to foreign corporations and incorporated companies.
Bill 120, an Act relating to vaccination.

Bill 127, an Act relating to frauds in the sale of butter or substances having the semblance of butter.
The conference committee on the Emergency Appropriation Bill, by Mr. Harris, reported to the effect that amendments had been made to the bill. The measure was read through and when the clerk had finished, Mr.

Paele arose to state that the bill was identical with the one the Senate had passed, the amendments to which the House had refused to concur in. Mr. Fernandez moved that the report be rejected, but Mr. Paele was more mild and moved to refer back.

The chair stated that the report could not be entertained since it was not certified to by the clerk and chairman of the committee. Mr. Harris replied that he had acted in both capacities and had therefore refrained from signing it.

Mr. Kumalae called the attention of the House to the fact that the bill was practically a new one and would have to go through three readings. There was hardly time to do this. The Speaker announced that there was nothing before the House since the report was not certified. The Chair would, at any rate, have to consider the measure as a substitute bill. The report was handed back to Mr. Harris.

The principal amendments proposed by the conference committee are as follows: Maui, reduced from \$16,000 to \$6,000; new item of \$15,000 for landings and buoys, Honolulu; new item of \$20,000 for new bridge at Waimea, Kauai; \$400 for additional repairs to Honolulu water works; \$1600 for pumping plants.

Mr. Kupieha reported for the Public Lands Committee on House Bill 35, relating to the storage of lumber within the fire limits. The recommendation of the committee was to the effect that the matter be left to the House in a committee of the whole. All the members of the committee signed the report. After a very short discussion, it was adopted.

The next report of the same committee caused a slight breeze in the House. It related to the oil tanks at Iwilei. The report was as follows:

Your committee is of the opinion that the said oil tanks are a menace to the safety of persons and property in that vicinity and also of the city of Honolulu; that they are a danger to the shipping and wharves in its harbor, a discouragement to tourist traffic, and foreign ships from touching at this harbor.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that a bill be introduced regulating the storage of fuel oil within the city of Honolulu, and furthermore recommends that the said resolution with the subject matter therein be referred to a committee of the whole for general discussion.

D. M. KUPIEHA, Chairman.

WM. J. WRIGHT, Chairman.

A. FERNANDEZ, Chairman.

JAMES D. LEWIS, Chairman.

JOHN K. GANDALL, Chairman.

S. E. KALAMA, Chairman.

An Iwilei Discussion.
Mr. Greenwell moved for the rejection of the report of the committee, saying that he had had conversations with various people who presumed to know something about the oil tanks, and they had all expressed the opinion that these were not a menace in any way, shape or manner. It would be an absolute waste of time to adopt the report of the majority of the committee. Mr. Wright, who had signed the majority report, made the statement that the rents in the Iwilei district since the installation of the oil tanks there, had been reduced over seventy-five per cent and the natives who owned the majority of the land were suffering as a result of such installation.

Mr. Kupieha said he had had a talk with George R. Carter on the matter of the tanks at Iwilei and had been informed by him that the insurance on the fertilizer works out there, in which he was interested, had been cut off on account of these very tanks. Speaker Beckley asked if the committee had called on the tax assessor to ascertain whether or no the rate of taxation had been reduced. Mr. Kupieha replied that the committee had been ordered to place its report before the House in such a hurry that the members had really not had the time to call on the assessor.

Last of the Tanks.
The report was finally laid on the table to be considered in connection with a bill on the subject and it is safe to say that this is the last that will be heard of the Iwilei tank matter unless something very radical happens. The session is fast drawing to a close, this being the thirty-seventh day.

Previous to the House taking a recess until 2 o'clock, the Speaker announced that he would like to have submitted to him by the members some time during the day, the various people to it was intended should go to the leper settlement next Saturday night. The permits from the Board of Health would be issued on Saturday morning and the Kinau would leave for the settlement on Molokai at 10:30 o'clock on the same night, weather permitting.

After the House had taken a recess, the Committee on Agriculture with quite a number of the other members of the House, went up to the home of R. C. L. Perkins for the purpose of taking a look at the work of lantana pests.

SATURDAY'S BOXING BOUTS.

There is every promise that the two bouts at the Orpheum Saturday night will be among the best exhibitions of the many art ever given in Honolulu. Elaborate preparations are being made and the management announces that both of the principals in the big 15-round fight—Messrs. Weday and Agnew—are in the very pink of condition. The second bout will be between Soldier Latham of Camp McKinley and Foreman Moore of the Fire Department. Both these men are experts at the business and will certainly give the people their money's worth. The 15-round go between Weday and Agnew will be the first of the kind ever fought in the Islands. It will be a fight to the finish for a decision. The referee has not yet been chosen, but he will be the best that the town affords.

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